II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain air-bag mounted in a motor vehicle, the motor vehicle having at least one side window opening with a lower edge comprising, the ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain being mounted in position above the ~~said at least one~~ window opening and defining a lower edge region and being configured so that, when inflated, at least two-thirds of the ~~lower-most~~ lower edge region of the ~~air-bag extend~~ inflatable curtain extends beneath the ~~lower-most~~ lower edge of the ~~or each adjacent~~ window opening, the ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain defining a plurality of inflatable cells.

2. (Currently Amended) An ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain according to Claim 1 wherein, when inflated, the degree of overlap of the ~~said~~ lower edge region of the inflatable ~~element~~ curtain, and the ~~part of the vehicle beneath the lower-most edge of the or each~~ window opening lower edge is between 40 and 100 millimetres.

3. (Currently Amended) An ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain according to ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1 wherein when inflated the degree of overlap of the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain and the window opening lower edge is between 50 and 60 millimetres.

4. (Currently Amended) An ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1 wherein a forward part of the ~~air-bag~~ inflatable

curtain is secured to the vehicle at a first anchoring point and a rear part of the ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain is secured to the vehicle at a second anchoring point, the inflatable cells being configured so that a virtual line of tension is created between the anchoring points when the ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain is inflated.

5. (Currently Amended) An ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain according to Claim 4 wherein the inflatable cells are configured so that the longitudinal axis of each cell is substantially perpendicular to the line of tension at least beneath the line of tension.

6. (Currently Amended) An ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain according to Claim 4 ~~or 5~~ wherein a tensioning unit is provided at one of ~~said~~ the anchoring points to apply tension to part of the ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain.

7. (Currently Amended) An ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtainaccording to Claim 6 wherein the said part of the ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain is a strap extending from an inflatable region of the ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain to the tensioning unit.

8. (Currently Amended) An ~~air-bag~~ inflatable curtain according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims provided with~~ Claim 1 wherein the inflatable curtain further forms a re-entrant slot in the lower edge thereof, the slot being substantially in alignment with ~~one~~ a structural post of the vehicle.

9. (New) An inflatable curtain air-bag mounted in a motor vehicle, the motor vehicle having at least one side window opening with a lower edge comprising, the inflatable curtain being mounted in a position above the window

opening and defiing a lower edge regaon being configured so that, when inflated, the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain extends beneath the lower edge of the window opening, the inflatable curtain defining a plurality of inflatable cells.

10. (New) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 9 wherein, when inflated, the degree of overlap of the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain, and the window opening lower edge is between 40 and 100 millimetres.

11. (New) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 9 wherein when inflated the degree of overlap of the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain and the window opening lower edge is between 50 and 60 millimetres.

12. (New) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 9 wherein a forward part of the inflatable curtain is secured to the vehicle at a first anchoring point and a rear part of the inflatable curtain is secured to the vehicle at a second anchoring point, the inflatable cells being configured so that a virtual line of tension is created between the anchoring points when the inflatable curtain is inflated.

13. (New) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 12 wherein the inflatable cells are configured so that the longitudinal axis of each cell is substantially perpendicular to the line of tension at least beneath the line of tension.

14. (New) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 12 wherein a tensioning unit is provided at one of the anchoring points to apply tension to part of the inflatable curtain.

15. (New) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 14 wherein part of the inflatable curtain is a strap extending from an inflatable region of the inflatable curtain to the tensioning unit.

16. (New) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 9 wherein the inflatable curtain further forms a re-entrant slot in the lower edge thereof, the slot being substantially in alignment with a structural post of the vehicle.